

# Bench e-News

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- **January 11<sup>th</sup>: 2 hour early dismissal.**
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>: Family Literacy Day at Bench for children 0-5 years.**
- **January 30 - February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year.**
- **February 8<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6/7 ski/snowboard trip to Mt. Washington. Permission forms due January 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **February 9<sup>th</sup>: ½ day dismissal at 11:10 a.m.**
- **February 13<sup>th</sup>: Family Day - school not in session.**

### BOTTLE DRIVE

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 2:00 p.m.



### **HAS YOUR ADDRESS, HOME OR CELL NUMBER, EMAIL OR EMERGENCY CONTACTS CHANGED**

Please let Darlene in the office know if you are **not receiving weekly emails** or if any of the above has changed.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs. Urquhart for organizing intramural basketball and thanks to those staff who volunteered their time to ref! A huge thank you to Ms. Espeseth and Mr. Page for putting on 4 terrific Winter Concerts. The concerts were enjoyed by all who attended!

### WELCOME

Welcome back to Ms. Fitzpatrick! Also, please welcome Mr. Coomber who will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays in Mrs. Evans classroom. Also, please welcome Ms. Ludvigson who will be teaching Mondays and Tuesdays in Ms. Kinsley's classroom.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for all kindergarten students will take place at your neighborhood school during regular office hours the week of: January 30 - February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eligible students for Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2017.

For those thinking of French Immersion please note that if requested places for French Immersion elementary schools are over-subscribed, there will be a district-supervised lottery to select applicants for the available program space. Parents are asked to register at the French Immersion School they wish their child to attend. They also need to register at their catchment school. Registrations will be placed according to the following priority placement criteria:

1. Siblings of French Immersion students continuing at the same school
2. Lottery for the remaining new registrants
3. Late registrants or out of district - placed at the end of the process

Parents will be contacted by phone within a week of the lottery to confirm either registration or wait list placement. More information online at: [www.sd79.bc.ca](http://www.sd79.bc.ca)

### PARENTS OF GRADE 6 STUDENTS

Our "World's Finest Chocolates" fundraiser for Camp Thunderbird is continuing. Cases of chocolates are available from Mrs. Gignac for \$90.00. With each case sold \$50.00 profit goes directly to reducing the overall cost of the trip.

### LICE

Please be aware that there have been cases of head lice reported in the school. If you find head lice on your child and have any questions about treatment, please refer to previous Bench newsletters or contact the Health Unit at (250)709-3050.

## **THIN ICE**

Please be reminded on the dangers of being out on unsafe ice (lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.).

See link below for more info:

[www.lifesaving.bc.ca/sites/default/files/Kids\\_on\\_Thin\\_Ice.pdf](http://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/sites/default/files/Kids_on_Thin_Ice.pdf)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FREE PROGRAMS AT THE COWICHAN AQUATIC CENTRE**

#### **Youth ParticipACTION**

Engaging Youth ages 11-15 years with a series of fitness options. Strength, Tabatta, TRX, Boot Camp and more.

Tuesdays, Jan 17-March 7

3:30-4:30 pm

Register with Reception

#### **MEND**

#### **More PLAY, Less SCREEN, Better FOOD**

Participate in one of the 2 FREE Family Programs

And your family receives a 3 month family pass to the Cowichan Aquatic Centre.

5-7 years Wednesdays OR 7-13 years Monday & Wednesdays

Call 250-736-3306 or email [jill.amy@northcowichan.ca](mailto:jill.amy@northcowichan.ca)

Reserve your spot today!